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Identical letters dated 11 June 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government and pursuant to my previous letters, including the letter circulated as document A/61/571-S/2006/884, regarding the insolent threats made against the Islamic Republic of Iran by the Israeli regime, I wish to inform you that, emboldened by the absence of any action by the Security Council, various Israeli officials have unabatedly continued to publicly and contemptuously make unlawful and dangerous threats of resorting to force against the Islamic Republic of Iran in total defiance of international law and the fundamental principles of the Charter of the United Nations. In this regard, and in yet another blatant violation of the basic provisions of the United Nations Charter, particularly the provisions which call for refraining "from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations", on Saturday, 9 June 2007, Shaul Mofaz, the Israeli Deputy Prime Minister, threatened to use military action against Iran and yet again put on display the criminal, aggressive and terrorist nature of the said regime by saying that it is "a very, very clear signal and a clear statement that all options are on the table ... I never said there is no military option, and the military option is included in all the options that are on the table ...".

Prior to this, the Israeli Prime Minister, Ehud Olmert, in response to a question in April 2007 regarding whether military action would be an option against Iran said: "nobody is ruling it out ... It is impossible perhaps to destroy the entire nuclear programme but it would be possible to damage it in such a way that it would be set back years ... it would take 10 days and would involve the firing of 1,000 Tomahawk cruise missiles".

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These malicious threats, together with previous ones, including those mentioned in document A/61/571-S/2006/884, constitute matters of extreme gravity that require urgent and resolute response on the part of the United Nations and particularly the Secretary-General and the Security Council.

These unacceptable, unlawful and dangerous statements are being made by the Israeli regime's officials in full impunity while the Security Council and the officials of the United Nations Secretariat are silent and some of the Council's permanent members, by pushing for statements against Iran based on various distortions and unsubstantiated allegations, have joined the Israeli regime in a failed attempt and tired smokescreen to distract the international community's attention from the real and serious threats that the said regime poses to international and regional peace and security and to deflect the attention of the United Nations from the daily barrage of illegal Israeli threats to resort to force, as well as its shocking record of resorting to force, terrorism, aggression and occupation against various members of the United Nations.

Indeed, the inaction of the Security Council in dealing with such criminal Israeli policies and practices and the impunity with which this regime has been allowed to carry out its crimes so far have emboldened it to persist in its flagrant defiance of the most basic and fundamental principles of international law and the Charter of the United Nations and to resort to force, aggression and state terrorism as a matter of routine policy.

The Security Council should react to these threats by unequivocally condemning them and demanding that the said regime abandon its policy of flouting international law and the Charter of the United Nations and cease and desist immediately from the threat of use force against Members of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 80 and 100, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) M. Javad **Zarif**

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Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives

The rule of law at the national and international levels

Identical letters dated 13 June 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Upon instruction from my Government, and further to our letters addressed to the Security Council and the Secretary-General on 19 January 2007 and 4 April 2007 respectively, regarding the abduction of 5 Iranian consular officers in Erbil (Iraq) by the military forces of the United States of America on 11 January 2007, I wish to state the following:

As pointed out in the aforesaid letters, at 5 a.m. local time on Thursday, 11 January 2007, the United States military forces, in violation of the most basic provisions governing diplomatic and consulate affairs and in a flagrant contempt for the most fundamental principles of international law, attacked the Iranian Consulate General in Erbil (Iraq) and abducted five Iranian consular officers after disarming the guards of the premises, breaking the doors into the building and beating and injuring the personnel of the Consulate General. They also confiscated some documents and other properties of the Consulate General.

This unlawful act undoubtedly constitutes one of the most serious violations of the principles of "personal inviolability of consular officers" and the "inviolability of the consular premises, archives and documents", enshrined in the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations (1963).

Regrettably, despite the repeated calls made by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and by the Iraqi officials for the release of the said Iranian consular officers, the United States has thus far refused to release them. Moreover, and while the illegal detention of the Iranian consular officers by the United States has continued for about five months, and notwithstanding our repeated calls on the Security Council to adopt an urgent and resolute response to this unlawful act, the

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Council has failed to address this grave illegal act that undermines international peace and security.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, once again, calls on the Security Council and the Secretary-General to live up to their responsibilities under the United Nations Charter without further delay by reacting to the illegal abduction and continued unlawful detention of Iranian consular personnel by the United States, and by helping secure the safe and immediate release of the abducted consular officers and the return of the confiscated documents and properties.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 76 and 80 and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) M. Javad **Zarif**

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Letter dated 13 June 2007 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I received today a letter from the Prime Minister of Lebanon, Fouad Siniora (see annex), in which he requested technical assistance for the Government of Lebanon's efforts to investigate the murder of Member of Parliament Walid Eido. The Government requested that the International Independent Investigation Commission be in touch with the relevant Lebanese authorities for that purpose.

Since the Commission reports to the Security Council, I am transmitting this request to you, and through you to the other members of the Council, in order for members to take appropriate action.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon

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Annex

Letter dated 13 June 2007 from the Prime Minster of Lebanon addressed to the Secretary-General

I write to you in relation to the heinous terrorist act which took the life of Member of Parliament Walid Eido, his son, two of his guards and a number of innocent civilians today in Beirut.

Based on the previous agreement between the International Independent Investigation Commission and the Lebanese Government, we hereby request technical assistance in the effort to investigate the murder of Member of Parliament Eido.

We request that the Commission be in touch with the relevant Lebanese authorities for that purpose.

(*Signed*) Fouad **Siniora**

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Letter dated 14 June 2007 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

The members of the Security Council have carefully considered your letter dated 13 June 2007 (S/2007/356), regarding the request of the Government of Lebanon for technical assistance from the International Independent Investigation Commission in the effort to investigate the murder of Member of Parliament Walid Eido on 13 June 2007.

Determined to continue to assist the Government of Lebanon in the search for the truth and to bring to justice perpetrators, organizers and sponsors of that terrorist attack and of other terrorist attacks and assassinations committed in Lebanon since October 2004 (see S/PRST/2007/18), we refer to resolutions 1644 (2005) and 1748 (2007) and invite the Commission to extend appropriate technical assistance to the Lebanese authorities in the investigation and the Secretary-General to so inform the Government of Lebanon and the Commissioner of the International Independent Investigation Commission.

(*Signed*) Johan C. **Verbeke**
President of the Security Council

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